




photo by Master Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald





Two B-1B Lancers assigned to the 28th Bomb Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, release chaff and flares while maneuvering over New Mexico during a training mission. This year Dyess AFB celebrated the 25th anniversary of its first B-1B bomber.



First Lt. Dan Griffin, a pilot with the 358th Fighter Squadron from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., fires the 30 mm Gatling gun on the A-10 Thunderbolt II at the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona. Lieutenant Griffin is a student in the A-10C Pilot Initial Qualification course and this was his first time firing the weapon.

photo by Airman Jerilyn Quintanilla



Staff Sgt. Trina Priddy defends her position on the camp perimeter during an operational readiness exercise at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Sergeant Priddy is assigned to the 7th Security Forces Squadron at Dyess AFB.

photo by Airman 1st Class Brittney Smolinski



Staff Sgt. Richard Mabry searches for cracks on a B-1B wheel bolt at an air base in Southwest Asia. Sergeant Mabry is a non-destructive inspection craftsman with the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron.

photo by Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund



Airman 1st Class Limuel Beltran watches his wingman's back during a simulated robbery at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Airman Beltran is a member of the 374th Security Forces Squadron at Yokota AB.

photo by Osakabe Yasuo



A CV-22 Osprey lands at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The Osprey demonstrated some of its capabilities to participants of the Joint Civilian Orientation Course, a Secretary of Defense-sponsored program. The course gives civilian community leaders an opportunity to learn about the military and national defense.

Airman 1st Class Daniel Coronado participates in an anti-terrorism exercise at the fitness center on Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Airman Coronado is with the 39th Security Forces Squadron.

photo by Master Sgt. Russell E. Cooley IV



photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy





An Airman jumps from the back of a Marine Corps CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter during a training mission off the coast of Djibouti in Africa. The Airman, who works as a pararescueman, is assigned to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

Firefighters Staff Sgt. Jeffery Griffen and Staff Sgt. Chad Carrier try to access the “unconscious” pilot, Lt. Col. Eric Roman, during an exercise at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The firefighters are with Air Force Reserve Command’s 419th Civil Engineer Squadron, and exercise regularly. Colonel Roman is with the 419th Fighter Wing plans office.

Staff Sgt. Chris Browne, a 35th Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion test cell technician, monitors an F-16 Fighting Falcon engine running in the Hush House at Misawa Air Base, Japan. The Hush House does what the name implies: it allows mechanics to run a jet engine with less noise heard outside.

An F-16 Fighting Falcon takes off for a night mission from Joint Base Balad, Iraq. The aircraft is assigned to the 169th Fighter Wing at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, S.C. The 169th FW sent F-16s, pilots, maintenance specialists and support personnel overseas for its first major combat operation since 2003.

